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## Poll: Majority in U.S. see relations with adversaries souring

From Front

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and NUHA DOLBY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A majority of U.S. adults expect America's relations with foreign adversaries like Russia and North Korea to grow more hostile, according to a new poll, a major shift in public opinion from four years ago under President Donald Trump.

Two years into the Biden administration, 60% of U.S. adults say relations with adversaries will get worse, up from 26% four years ago at the same point in the Trump administration, according to the poll from the Pearson Institute and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Just 21% say relationships with allies will deteriorate, down from 46% then.

In general, 39% expect the country's global standing to worsen, compared with 48% who said that in 2018. Crucially, the United States' own sharply divided domestic political influences views of the country's standing abroad.

"Those results really, clearly show that it's hyperpartisanship" affecting how confidently or bleakly, respectively, Democrats and Republicans see the U.S. standing abroad, said Sheila Kohanteb, a political scientist and executive director of the Global Forum at



President Joe Biden meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin, June 16, 2021, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Associated Press

the Chicago-based Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts.

In terms of the opinions that people in the U.S. are expressing on U.S. dealings abroad, the key factor is "political bloc sticking with political bloc," Kohanteb said.

Four years ago, three-quarters of Democrats expected U.S. global standing to suffer. Now, roughly that same percentage see stability or improvement in the near future. By comparison, about 6 in 10 Republicans predicted improvements in 2018; now that same percentage expect the

current administration to stumble.

Other countries are "probably laughing at us, waiting for us to fall apart," said Kristy Woodard, a 30-year-old Republican in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She said she saw the economy and U.S. leadership as suffering under President Joe Biden.

"I don't think we really have allies anymore because the United States is just a joke at this point," Woodard said.

But David Dvorin, a 49-year-old Democrat in Pittsburgh who works as a price specialist, said Biden was winning respect abroad by

rallying international allies to respond to Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

"The war in Ukraine has shown the leadership of the Biden administration, to be able to hold most of Europe together," Dvorin said.

Still, as Russia amps up its assault on Ukraine, tensions with China grow over Taiwan and other issues and the U.S. confronts North Korea and Iran over those countries' nuclear programs, similar percentages of Republicans and Democrats say that relationships with adversaries will get worse in the next year.

The Pearson Institute/AP-

NORC poll also shows strong support for a U.S. foreign policy that protects women and minorities around the world — even though few people think the U.S. is doing a world-beating job of protecting those same interests at home.

Majorities of U.S. adults said they see preventing discrimination against women and minorities around the world as an important U.S. foreign policy goal and that the U.S. government has significant responsibility for protecting the rights of those groups. And 78% of people in the United States believe the U.S. should withhold financial support from other countries that are failing to protect the rights of women and minority groups.

However, only about 1 in 5 U.S. adults thinks the country is leading the world in safeguarding the rights of women and racial, ethnic and religious minorities, or LGBTQ people. Many think the U.S. is among several countries that are doing it well, but about a third say there are other countries doing better.

Rick Reinesch, 61, of Austin, Texas, who works as a project manager for a consulting firm and describes himself as a Democratic-leaning political independent, calls safeguarding the freedoms of women and minorities abroad "essential" for the U.S. □

## New rules fix 'flaw' for families seeking Obamacare coverage



The healthcare.gov website is seen, on Dec. 14, 2021 in Fort Washington, Md.

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Families who get expensive

health insurance through employers could see a

price break if they sign up instead for coverage through the Affordable Care Act marketplace this fall.

The Treasury Department on Tuesday announced new rules that determine the tax breaks for certain families when they buy private health insurance plans through the Affordable Care Act.

The new interpretation of the Obama-era health law aims to fix the "family glitch," which determines a family's eligibility for ACA tax credits based on the cost of an individual's work-

sponsored health insurance plan rather than the cost of the plan for the whole family.

Since the law was enacted more than a decade ago, people who have access to health insurance plans are supposed to get price breaks on the Affordable Care Act marketplace if they pay more than 9.5% of their income toward monthly premiums.

But for years, the Internal Revenue Service arrived at that calculation based on the cost of a work-sponsored health insurance

plan for a single individual, instead of a more expensive family plan. That meant many families didn't qualify for the tax breaks offered through the ACA, popularly known as "Obamacare."

"Today's action resolves a flaw in prior ACA regulations to bring more affordable coverage to about one million Americans," Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a statement. "Our goal is simple: leave no one behind, and give everyone the peace of mind that comes with health insurance." □



# High court weighs California law on pigs, pork prices

By JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Supreme Court is weighing a California animal cruelty law that pork producers say could upend their industry and raise the cost of their products nationwide. But in arguments Tuesday, the justices seemed to have bigger concerns beyond bacon.

Pork producers say California's law requiring more space for breeding pigs will force the \$26 billion-a-year industry to change its practices even though pork is produced almost entirely outside California. The question for the high court is whether the nation's most populous state has violated the U.S. Constitution with its law.

During more than two hours of arguments, both conservative and liberal justices asked about the fate of other state laws that impact other states.

"So what about a law that says you can't sell fruit in our state if it's produced — handled by people who are not in the country legally? Is that state law permissible?" asked Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

His colleague, Justice Elena Kagan, pointed to a law from the state where she grew up: "I understand New York has a law that says that if you want to import firewood into the state, you have to have used a certain kind of pesticide to make sure that various pests don't come in with the firewood," she said. "Would that be forbidden?"

And Justice Amy Coney Barrett asked whether California could pass a law barring pork from companies that "don't require all their employees to be vaccinated or from companies that don't fund gender-affirming surgery."

Still, she also expressed concern about the impact if the court were to say California's law is impermissible.

"How many other laws would fall, that it might affect?" she asked. Would the court call "into question a lot of laws that are pretty common?"

The case before the court involves California's Proposition 12, which voters passed in 2018. It said that pork sold in the state needs to come from pigs whose

mothers were raised with at least 24 square feet of space, including the ability to lie down and turn around. That rules out confined "gestation crates," the metal enclosures that are common in the pork industry.

Two industry groups, the Iowa-based National Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation, sued over the proposition. They say that while Californians consume 13% of the pork eaten in the United States, nearly 100% of it comes from hogs raised outside the state, primarily where the industry is concentrated in the Midwest and North Carolina. The vast majority of sows, meanwhile, aren't raised under conditions



The Supreme Court is seen at sunset in Washington, on Jan. 24, 2019.

Associated Press

that would meet Proposition 12's standards.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson summed up the issue by saying: "To what extent does California get to control what Iowa does with respect to the housing of its

pork?" She asked why California couldn't do something less burdensome to the industry, like "segregating Iowa's pork when it comes in, putting a big label over it that says 'This is immorally produced.'"

## White House: Get new booster by Halloween for safer holidays

By ZEKE MILLER

AP White House Correspondent

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The White House on Tuesday said eligible Americans should get the updated COVID-19 boosters by Halloween to have maximum protection against the coronavirus by Thanksgiving and the holidays, as it warned of a "challenging" virus season ahead.

Dr. Ashish Jha, the White House COVID-19 coordinator, said the U.S. has the tools, both from vaccines and treatments, to largely eliminate serious illness and death from the virus, but stressed that's only the case if people do their part.

"We are not helpless against these challenges," he said. "What happens this winter is up to us."

So far the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says only about 11.5 million Americans have received the updated shots, which are meant to provide a boost of protection against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the BA.5 variant that is dominant around the world. Jha said studies suggest that if more Americans get the updated vaccines, "we could save hundreds of lives each day this winter."

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# Will to live and life jackets: boaters survive 28 hours

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) —

Two anglers whose boat sank on Saturday clung to an improvised float and fought off sharks in the Gulf of Mexico while the third swam to search for help. What Phong Le found was a cellphone signal that let him send a Google map of his location just before his battery died, he told ABC News on Tuesday.

They had been in the water since about 10 a.m. Saturday, and sharks showed up Sunday morning, Luan Nguyen said. One bit the front of his life vest.

"And I think that's where I caught ... these injuries on my hand," he told the network, which identified the third boater as Son Nguyen. "I took my two thumbs and jabbed him in the eyes, and he took off," he said.

Four blacktip sharks about 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 meters) long were circling and harassing them even as they were pulled from the water, said Andrew Stone, a seaman in the Coast Guard boat crew that rescued the Nguyens.



In this screenshot from video, the U.S. Coast Guard rescues boaters off the coast of Empire, La., on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022.

Associated Press

"They were too tired to even be panicking," he told The Associated Press in an interview alongside other Coast Guard members and officials.

All three boaters were back home Tuesday, the Coast Guard said.

Helicopter rescue swimmer Richard Hoefle said both boaters had deep cuts on their hands, and one was missing the tip of a middle finger.

In the hospital, he said, one man told him, "I was 100% certain my time was up" before he saw the aircraft that spotted them.

"These peoples' will to survive and their lifejackets is what saved their lives," said Lt. Katy Caraway, a helicopter pilot who rescued Le, who was suffering from hypothermia, and then flew all three to a New Orleans hospital.

She said that while the first

man was being raised to the helicopter, the airplane located the two who had to fight off sharks about a half-mile to a mile (0.8 to 1.6 kilometers) away. A Coast Guard boat based in Venice sped out to that spot.

The group's 24-foot (7.3-meter) boat had sunk about 10 a.m. Saturday, leaving them with no radio in an area without cellphone service.

"We made a distress call on the VHF radio to the Coast Guard and let them know that we'd taken on water," Le told ABC. "And not even seconds after that, the boat was nearly halfway in the water."

They tied two ice chests together as a makeshift float. One happened to hold water and fruit, Luan Nguyen told the network.

One man's wife reported them missing about 10 p.m. Saturday, said Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Keefe, rescue coordinator for Sector New Orleans. The woman didn't know their launch point, he said, and it took about 3.5 hours to find the vehicle in Venice, near Louisiana's southeastern tip, so crews would know the best areas to search when dawn broke.

Le said that he swam off for help on Sunday. After what he estimated was 5 miles, he happened on a signal for his cellphone and texted his Google map location to a friend.

"I see him trying to reply to me. And the phone cut off - I ran out of battery," Le told the network. □

# Seller exploits gun-buyback loophole with help of 3D printer

By MICHAEL HILL  
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York's attorney general has changed the rules of a state gun buyback program after a participant exploited the system by using a 3D printer to make firearm parts in bulk that he then turned in for \$21,000 in gift cards.

The seller, who identified himself by a pseudonym, said he traveled from West Virginia to a gun buyback Aug. 27 in Utica, New York, to take advantage of a loophole in the program — and to demonstrate that buybacks are futile in an era of printable weapons. At the buyback, he turned in 60 printed auto sears, small devices that can convert firearms into fully automatic weapons. Under the rules of the buyback,

hosted by Attorney General Letitia James' office and city police, that entitled him to \$350 for each of the printed parts, including a \$100 premium, since they were deemed "ghost guns" lacking serial numbers.

The seller, who declined to provide his real name, said in

an email to The Associated Press on Monday that the prospect of making money was enticing, but that the big reason he took part in the buyback was to send a message.

He called the idea of buybacks "ridiculously stupid," adding that "the

people running this event are horribly uneducated about guns, gun crime, and the laws surrounding the regulation of guns."

James' office said it responded to the exploited loophole by giving buyback personnel more discretion to determine the value of

weapons being handed in, and setting a standard that all 3D-printed guns accepted by the program must be capable of being fired more than once.

The new rules were in place by Sept. 17, when the attorney general's office hosted a gun buyback in the Syracuse suburb of Camillus. "It's shameful that this individual exploited a program that has successfully taken thousands of guns off the streets to protect our communities from gun violence," James' office said in a statement.

Buybacks are a popular way for government officials to try to get guns off the streets, typically with a promise of no questions asked, and amnesty for someone who turns in an illegal weapon. □



This photo, provided by the Office of New York Attorney General Letitia James, on Aug. 28, 2022 shows some of the 296 firearms, including 177 ghost guns, that were surrendered to law enforcement at a gun buy-back event hosted by her office and the Utica, NY, Police Department.

Associated Press



# Israel, U.S. announce Lebanon sea deal, but questions remain

By ILAN BEN ZION

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel's prime minister said Tuesday that the country has reached a "historic agreement" with neighboring Lebanon over their shared maritime border that could pave the way for natural gas exploration and reduce tensions between the enemy countries.

The agreement, coming after months of U.S.-mediated talks, would mark a major breakthrough in relations between Israel and Lebanon, which formally have been at war since Israel's establishment in 1948. But the deal still faces some obstacles, including legal and political challenges in Israel. There was no formal announcement from Lebanon, though officials indicated they would approve the agreement.

In Washington, President Joe Biden announced that Israel and Lebanon agreed to "formally end" their maritime boundary dispute. He said he spoke Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Lebanese President Michael Aoun and both men said they were ready to move forward with the agreement.

The agreement "will provide for the development of energy fields for the benefit of both countries, set-



In this photo released by Lebanon's official government photographer Dalati Nohra, Lebanese President Michel Aoun, left, receives the final draft of the maritime border agreement between Lebanon and Israel from the deputy of Lebanese prime minister Elias Bou Saab and who leads the Lebanese negotiations, in Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022.

ting the stage for a more stable and prosperous region," Biden said.

At stake are rights over exploiting undersea natural gas reserves in areas of the eastern Mediterranean claimed by the two countries. Lebanon hopes gas exploration will help lift its country out of its spiraling economic crisis. Israel also hopes to exploit gas reserves while also easing tensions with its northern neighbor.

Lapid called the deal a "historic achievement that

will strengthen Israel's security, inject billions into Israel's economy, and ensure the stability of our northern border."

Lebanon and Israel both claim some 860 square kilometers (330 square miles) of the Mediterranean Sea. Under the agreement, those waters would be divided along a line straddling the strategic "Qana" natural gas field.

Israeli officials involved in the negotiations said Lebanon would be allowed to produce gas from that

field, but pay royalties to Israel for any gas extracted from the Israeli side. Lebanon has been working with the French energy giant Total on preparations for exploring the field, though actual production is likely years away.

The agreement would also leave in place an existing "buoy line" that serves as a de facto border between the two countries, the officials said.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were discussing

behind the scenes negotiations, said the deal would include American security guarantees, including assurances that none of the gas revenues reach Hezbollah.

Many leading Israeli security figures, both active and retired, have hailed the deal because it could lower tensions with Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group, which has repeatedly threatened to strike Israeli natural gas assets in the Mediterranean. With Lebanon now having a stake in the region's natural gas industry, experts believe the sides will think twice before opening up another war.

The two sides fought a monthlong war in 2006, and Israel considers the heavily armed Hezbollah to be its most immediate military threat.

"It might help create and strengthen the mutual deterrence between Israel and Hezbollah," said Yoel Guzansky, a senior fellow at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies. "This is a very positive thing for Israel."

The final draft of the agreement will be brought before Israel's caretaker government for approval this week ahead of the Nov. 1 election, when the country goes to the polls for the fifth time in under four years. □

# Venezuela expands search for the missing after deadly slide

By JORGE RUEDA and JUAN ARRAEZ

Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

—Rescuers worked to clear rocks and mud from the streets of a north-central city in Venezuela on Tuesday, three days after it was hit by a massive and deadly landslide, and expanded their search for any bodies buried under the sludge.

Officials said the slide in Las Tejerías killed at least 36 people but warned that the death toll could increase as bodies are found farther downstream from the hardest-hit neighborhoods. At least 60 people were said to be missing,

and some local residents have joined search crews to look for them.

Magaly Colmenares said she was with a group of firefighters that recovered the body of her grandson Monday from a house swamped by mud. The corpse was taken to a health center that has been pressed into service as a morgue.

"He was buried with a man who tried to help him and his 3-month-old sister," Colmenares said. "I found my angel, and we have to look for his little sister too."

Officials said more than 300 homes, 15 businesses and a school were destroyed in Las Tejerías, which is locat-

ed along Venezuela's main industrial corridor.

In a rare public appearance, President Nicolás Maduro visited the city and toured affected neighborhoods Monday.

The socialist leader said everyone affected by the disaster would be given new homes, adding that the city of 50,000 would "rise like a phoenix."

"Nobody will be abandoned," Maduro said.

Maduro told journalists he would welcome international assistance, without giving further details. His administration has historically been reluctant to take humanitarian aid from

Western nations, though it has accepted food and

medical supplies from Russia and China. □



Residents walk through the debris left by flooding caused by a river that overflowed after days of intense rain in Las Tejerías, Venezuela, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022.

Associated Press



# New Zealand proposes taxing cow burps, angering farmers

By **NICK PERRY**

**Associated Press**

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)** — New Zealand's

government on Tuesday proposed taxing the greenhouse gasses that farm animals make from burping and peeing as part of a plan to tackle climate change.

The government said the farm levy would be a world first, and that farmers should be able to recoup the cost by charging more for climate-friendly products.

But farmers quickly condemned the plan. Federated Farmers, the industry's main lobby group, said the plan would "rip the guts out of small-town New Zealand" and see farms replaced with trees.

Federated Farmers President Andrew Hoggard said farmers had been trying to work with the government for more than two years on an emissions reduction plan that wouldn't decrease food production.

"Our plan was to keep farmers farming," Hoggard said. Instead, he said farmers would be selling their farms "so fast you won't even hear the dogs barking on the back of the ute



**Dairy cows graze on a farm near Oxford, in the South Island of New Zealand on Oct. 8, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

(pickup truck) as they drive off." Opposition lawmakers from the conservative ACT Party said the plan would actually increase worldwide emissions by moving farming to other countries that were less efficient at making food.

New Zealand's farming industry is vital to its economy. Dairy products, including those used to make infant formula in China, are the nation's largest export

earner. There are just 5 million people in New Zealand but some 10 million beef and dairy cattle and 26 million sheep.

The outsized industry has made New Zealand unusual in that about half of its greenhouse gas emissions come from farms. Farm animals produce gasses that warm the planet, particularly methane from cattle burps and nitrous oxide from their urine.

In the Netherlands, farmers have dumped hay bales on roads and driven tractors along busy highways to protest government proposals to slash emissions of damaging pollutants.

In New Zealand, the government has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make the country carbon neutral by 2050.

Part of that plan includes a pledge that it will re-

duce methane emissions from farm animals by 10% by 2030 and by up to 47% by 2050. Under the government's proposed plan, farmers would start to pay for emissions in 2025, with the pricing yet to be finalized.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said all the money collected from the proposed farm levy would be put back into the industry to fund new technology, research and incentive payments for farmers.

"New Zealand's farmers are set to be the first in the world to reduce agricultural emissions, positioning our biggest export market for the competitive advantage that brings in a world increasingly discerning about the provenance of their food," Ardern said.

Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor said it was an exciting opportunity for New Zealand and its farmers.

"Farmers are already experiencing the impact of climate change with more regular drought and flooding," O'Connor said. "Taking the lead on agricultural emissions is both good for the environment and our economy." □

# Historic Portugal church sex abuse 'truly endemic' at times

By **BARRY HATTON**

**Associated Press**

**LISBON, Portugal (AP)** — The head of a lay committee looking into historic child sex abuse in the Portuguese Catholic Church said Tuesday the problem in the past

had been "widespread" and on some occasions reached "truly endemic" proportions.

Pedro Strecht, a psychiatrist who heads Portugal's Independent Committee for the Study of Child Abuse in

the Catholic Church, said his panel has compiled a list of 424 alleged victims. Before the committee started its work in January, senior church officials had claimed that only a handful of cases had occurred. The panel, which was created by the Portuguese Bishops Conference, is looking into alleged abuse cases from 1950 to the present involving minors aged two to 17. It is due to publish a report on Jan. 31.

Information obtained so far indicates that "a significant number" of Catholic Church priests and members allegedly have committed sex abuses since 1950, Strecht told a news conference in Lisbon, adding that "the problem not only existed, it also became

widespread."

He said the further back in time his panel went, it found "serious situations that lasted for decades (and) in some places reached truly endemic proportions."

The victims were both boys and girls, although most were boys, he said.

Some alleged abusers were named by more than one victim, and hundreds of abusers have been identified, Strecht said. The alleged abuse includes indecent exposure, penetration and images of abuse.

The statute of limitations has expired on most of the allegations. Apart from those, 17 complaints have been forwarded to the Portuguese attorney general's office and another 30 may still be sent, Strecht said.

The panel is not publishing the names of the victims, the identities of the alleged abusers, or the places the abuses allegedly happened. However, its final report will include a separate and confidential annex of all the names of church members reported to the committee that will be sent to the Portuguese Bishops Conference and to the police.

Strecht said the panel had no information about any abuses committed by foreign priests.

The committee has interviewed all of Portugal's bishops. Strecht praised the Portuguese Bishops Conference which, he said, had shown "pioneering courage" in setting up the study. □



**A Catholic church is reflected on a shop window in downtown Lisbon, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022.**

**Associated Press**



## Expansion of wind mill park is fundamental for developing the country of Aruba

**ORANJESTAD – Monday morning during a press conference of the government, minister of Energy, Glenbert Croes answered questions from the press regarding the disagreement between state companies and workers union VWI.**

Minister Croes indicated that he is not interested in arguing with VWI through the media, and asked the state companies, which are Utilities, WEB and Elmar – providers of water and

electricity – to deal with the requests of VWI and other unions, in order to bring more clarity on the process of public tender regarding the execution of an expansion of the wind mill park.

Minister Croes also expressed that what is important to him is that the government is working according to the plan of governing, and the energetic plan in which the Wever-Croes II Cabinet believes. In this context, expansion of the

wind mill park is fundamental, he said. Through a public tender it will be ensured that the best candidate for this project is found. More importantly, it is to get a better price for production of electricity, which will benefit not only the state companies WEB and Elmar, but the community in general.

"I cannot understand how a project that is in the interest of WEB, ELMAR, our people and our economy, that



there are people against it. This project is according to the national energy plan for our country. My determination as minister of Energy is to put action behind

the vision that was put in this plan and was agreed at the national level when our prime minister was minister of Energy", he said. □

## Minister of Finance attending Annual Meetings of IMF in Washington DC

**ORANJESTAD – Every year in October, ministers of Finance and Development, directors of Central Banks, private sector and academics come together at the IMF headquarters in Washington DC to attend IMF's Annual Meetings.**

During these meetings, topics of global concern are discussed, like world economy, financial stability, eradication of poverty,

economic inclusion, creation of jobs and climate change. Attending for Aruba is minister of Finance, Xiomara Maduro.

During the week of Annual Meetings, the minister will meet with IMF executives from, among others, CARTAC, Western Hemisphere and Fiscal Affairs. Minister Maduro will also meet with the Executive Directors who represent

the Kingdom of the Netherlands at IMF and World Bank, and will also meet with the delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that is present at the Annual Meetings of IMF.

During this week, minister Maduro will also be meeting with various banks in order to begin the necessary contracts in order to refinance Aruba's international debt from 2023 onwards.

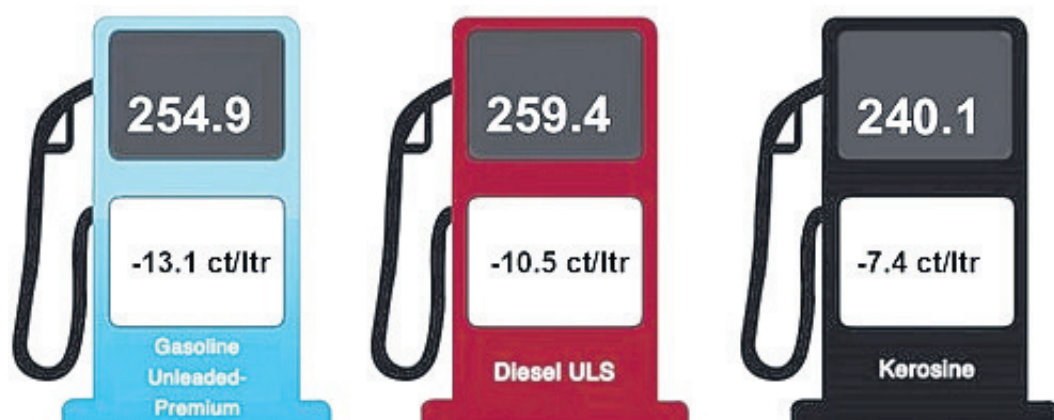


During this week, minister Maduro will be joined by Aruba's Plenipotentiary minister in Washington, Mrs. Jocelin Barosso-Croes,

adviser Mr. Nilo Swaen, director of Department of Finance Mr. Derrick Werleman, and Treasurer for the country of Aruba, Mr. Louis Paris. □



## New prices for petroleum products announced



**Oranjestad - The Minister of Economic Affairs, Communications and Sustainable Development has announced that the prices for petroleum products have been adjusted.**

The new prices announced will be applied starting on the 12th of October, 2022.

The price for Gasoline unleaded-premium has lowered with 13,1 cents making

the new total price 254,9 cent per liters. Gasoil LS has also seen a decrease in price with 10,5 cents, which takes the total price down to 259,4 cents per liters, whereas the price for Kerosene has lowered with 7,4 cents making the total price 240,1 cents per liters.

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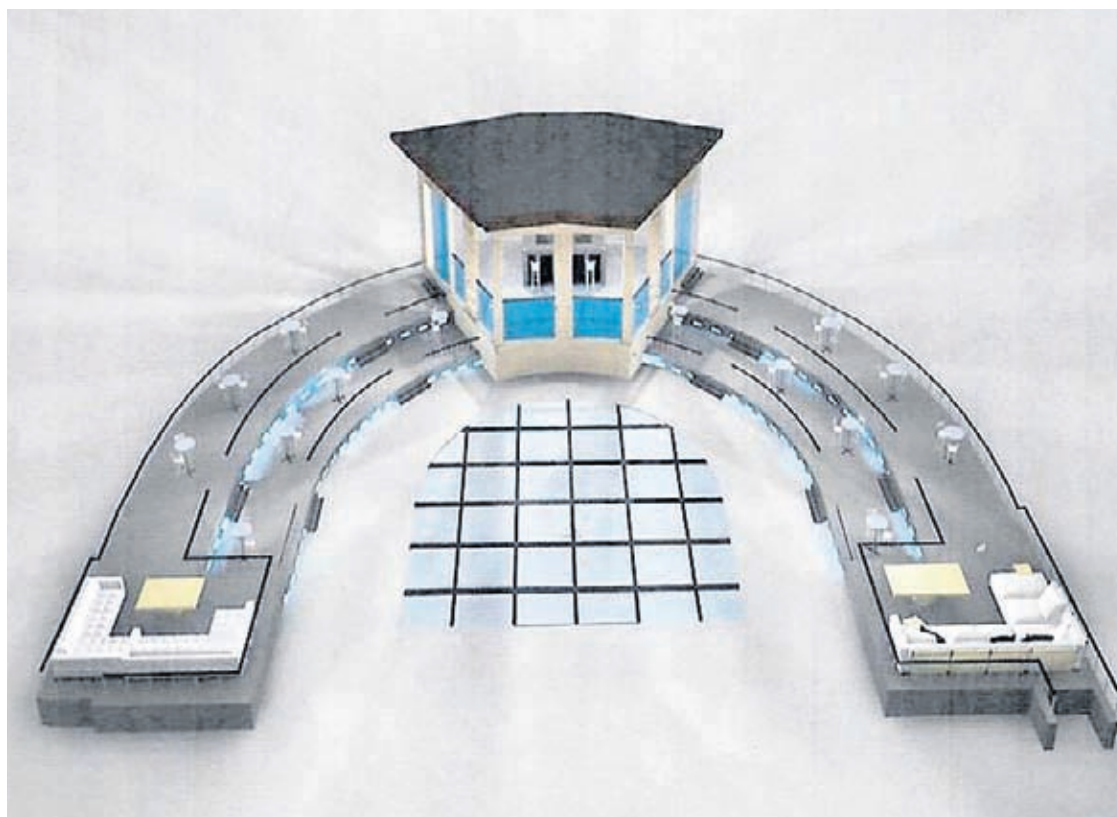
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## Aruba becomes co-chair of the regional organization CFATF



**ORANJESTAD** - Aruba has been appointed as "co-chair" of the CFATF during a recently held meeting on the ministerial level of the CFATF. Together with the "incoming chair" Cayman Islands, Aruba will be in charge of the leadership of the CFATF for the 2022-2023 period.

Aruba is contributing to the fight against money laundering in the Caribbean region, as one of the founding members of the CFATF,

since 1990. Aruba has always supported and actively participated with the CFATF and is currently representing the Dutch Speaking Countries in the steering group of the CFATF. Now, Aruba has the honor to contribute as "Co-Chair" to help guide the CFATF.

During the Ministerial meeting, the Minister of Finance and Culture, Xiomara Maduro, informed the CFATF that Mr. Angelo Brete, Director of the Financial Intel-

ligence Unit (FUI), formerly known as MOT, has been appointed as 'Co-Chair'.

Mr. Brete is knowledgeable and was part of the team of professionals that recently achieved a successful evaluation by the CFATF, which positioned Aruba in second place in the Caribbean. This significant achievement of Aruba sends a strong and positive message to potential investors that our financial system is trustworthy.

Minister Maduro is grateful to the CFATF for their trust and appreciates Mr. Brete's courage to represent Aruba in the leadership position in the CFATF. The Minister also thanks Mr. Marcel 't Mannetje of the Legislation Department of Aruba for his support in coordinating and representing Aruba in the meetings of the Steering groups of the CFATF. □



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## A bit of Aruba's soccer history

**Etnia Nativa is simply native Aruba's heritage at its best, inviting readers to discover our ancient island through native keepers of the land.**

Soon another Soccer World Cup will be held and the perfect opportunity to remember Aruba's rich history of Football as it is called locally, great teams and legendary players since the days of the First World Cup.

It was in 1920 and during the Olympic Games that FIFA brought together the greatest fans of the popular sport and designated Uruguay, Italy, Hungary, Holland, Spain and Sweden as the possible host for the first Soccer World Cup. European countries withdrew their candidacy in favor of Italy, but the US-sponsored Uruguayans won the nomination. This caused a discontent and Europe withdrew from the first Soccer World Cup.

Behind choosing a South American country as the venue for the tournament was the purpose of moving the focus of attention away from Europe, since the old continent was in the midst of an economic crisis, due to the First World War. This was the reason why FIFA imposed the obligation of a background contest to the participating countries "knowingly" that Uruguay would emerge victorious because it had a good sporting participation and a couple of gold medals from previous Olympics games. This situation was considered an excellent opportunity to attract the world's attention to South America, the news spread quickly on the radio, meanwhile in Aruba, as in the rest of the world; the interest in the popular sport grew.

It was in 1933 when a group of young Arubans organized by Emirto Reinhardt founded a soccer club and through documents we discovered that the founders

called it: Aruba Best Club -in short- ABC the following year, as interest grew, it was founded officially as the ABC association and José Carmelo Croes was named president.

Shortly after, the ABC joined the Aruban soccer association A.V.B. (Aruba Voetbal Bond). Years later, in 1937, the young association began to "gain ground", new members joined and soccer competition began, the ABC association was renamed Racing Club Aruba or RCA. Currently there are more great soccer teams around such as: Estrella, La Fama, Dakota, Aruba Jrs., River Plate, Bubali, National, etc.

Going back to our team: RCA grew stronger and triumphing in the Pan Caribbean region. So the games began in Aruba as well as abroad. Great players, excellent scorers like the unforgettable master blaster Chas "cannon ball" Loeftok and many beautiful stories. They were all dedicated team members, starting training hours before sunrise.

One of the things I remember most from my childhood is the sound of my father's sport boots walking on the smooth floor through our house whether he was leaving or returning from the club.

Remembering this story of how they lived through an unexpected adventure as a team. It must have been in the 50's during a trip to Guatemala. These

were politically complicated years in the Central American country. The team left on a flight from Aruba to Guatemala City and had great expectations of the game they were about to play, without knowing that they were going to experience an almost tragic adventure.

Over mid-flight, so minutes to go before landing they heard a loud sound, black smoke was coming out an engine and caught fire. The plane was now losing altitude and did not take long before the pilot decided to make a dive in to an emergency landing. Now choosing where to land was not an easy task in a thick forest. At least it was day time, the surrounding trees flashed passed the ships wings. Smoke and fire got worst. Finally there was a clearing in the dense jungle, an airstrip somewhere around or near the capital city of Guatemala. Now the pilot did a great job, landing the plane with success. "We made it" "the captain announced and everyone was grateful for shaking off the tension since no one was hurt! The joy was immense, but hours later the nightmare began.

What they thought was a rescue operation, turned in to their arrest, our RCA "champions" were arrested as suspects in the assassination of the president of the country that occurred days before. However once the authorities got the correct information that it was a football team from Aruba and not hitmen, they regained their freedom and continued their journey to play the long-awaited game! Our team played 5 matches in total winning 2, tie 2 and losing 1. During that 1950, RCA played 35 matches won 24 tied 6 and Lost 4.

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## MoU officially signed with all Neighborhood Centers for Veilige Barrios project



**ORANJESTAD – Monday night, during an important moment, minister of Justice and Social Affairs, Mr. Rocco Tjon together with his colleagues prime minister Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes, minister of Education and Sport, Mr. Endy Croes and minister of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Older Persons Affairs, Mr. Ursell Arends; together with CEDE Aruba and the directors of all Neighborhood Centers, signed the MoU for the execution of the Veilige Barrios project.**

Veilige Barrios stands for Safe Neighborhoods. As was mentioned a while ago, the Government of Aruba allocated additional funds structurally for the initiation of the project. CEDE Aruba is a strategic partner for the Government of Aruba in the execution of this project, seeing that the main goal for CEDE Aruba is to bring together resources to ensure a sustainable development. The Neighborhood Centers (Centronan di Bario) are also a crucial partner, seeing that this project means the expansion of activities in the neighborhood, so that more

opportunities are created for all citizens in the various neighborhoods of Aruba, according to a press release.

For this reason, the ministry of Justice and Social Affairs approached all Neighborhood Centers to take part in this project. Simply putting funds available will not solve current problems, and it is very important to deal with the various challenges that the Neighborhood Centers are currently confronting.

That being said, the basis of the MoU that was signed will ensure more capacity for the staff at the Neighborhood Centers, but also will regularly evaluate the needs of the neighborhoods through the Neighborhood Centers. Aside from this, it will also focus on developing and executing annual programs, improve accessibility and visibility of the Neighborhood Centers in the various neighborhoods, as well as amplify and diversify funding for the programs and activities that will be provided by each center.

Finalizing, the minister expressed that he is very glad to achieve this moment, a unique and very important moment for the development in the neighborhoods, which would not have been possible only through the Government of Aruba, thus without the support of all the directives of the Neighborhood Centers, this project would not have been possible.

These are among others Fundacion Centro y Famia Piedra Plat, directors of the Neighborhood Centers of Ayo, Brasil, Dakota, Noord, Lago Heights, Piedra Plat, Playa Pabou, Tankileendert, Santa Cruz and Savaneta. The minister also thanked CEDE Aruba, that when approached was willing to take part in this project; without forgetting that this project is interministerial, thus counting with support from the ministry of Education and Sport as well as the ministry of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Older Persons Affairs, which allocated funds to make this project possible. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I'M SO GLAD I LIVE  
IN A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE OCTOBERS. —  
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# 6 tips you can use to help improve your credit score

By ADRIANA MORGA

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Credit

scores are complicated and because rating agencies consider many factors, the process of improving them can look different for everyone.

When Willard Carpenter, 68, wanted a loan to open a new business, he realized that his credit score was not high enough to get approved. After checking his credit history, he found several issues he needed to solve.

Carpenter's credit was heavily affected by credit card debt that his father left on their joint account after his death over a year and a half ago. He's also had no credit cards for at least 10 years he stopped using them after he declared bankruptcy due to credit card debt.

Now, he is working with a financial advisor to erase his father's debt from his history and start building up his credit in a safe way.

Here are some tips for how you can do the same:

## KNOW YOUR STARTING POINT

The first step towards increasing your credit score is knowing your current score and what is showing in your credit report, said Kristin Myers, editor in chief of The Balance, a personal finance website.

"You can't fix what you don't know," she said. "See if there are any errors or if you've previously made a dispute and it keeps showing up."

Once you see what is in your report, you can start identifying where you might have weaknesses. For example, if you have a large amount of debt on



This Aug. 11, 2019 file photo shows Visa credit cards in New Orleans.

Associated Press

one of your credit cards, start paying off that debt to reduce the credit utilization that is affecting your credit score.

## TACKLE YOUR DEBT, AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

Ideally, you pay off your credit card every month. But, if that is not possible for you, making small payments can help you maintain or increase your credit score.

If you can, pay just a bit more over the minimum monthly payment so you pay less interest over time. A well-known payment method is the "debt snowball" where you pay down your debts from smallest to largest, to build momentum and good habits. Once the smaller debts are paid off and you have built a habit of paying off debt, the money you were used to putting aside every month can then go toward larger debts. NerdWallet offers a calculator to use this method. Another small way to tackle debt is the Consumer Finan-

cial Protection Bureau's recommendation to "use cash when it's under \$20" to avoid overspending on your credit card.

## AVOID MORE DEBT, IF YOU CAN

Not acquiring new debt is another way to increase your credit score, Myers said. If you have not paid off the debt that you currently have, it's best to not open more lines of credit. If you are in a position where you rely on credit due to economic circumstances, try to avoid unnecessary purchases that could significantly increase your debt.

## USE CREDIT CARDS, BUT IN MODERATION

Many people's first instinct is to not use any credit cards to avoid getting into debt. However, this is not a good tactic if you want to have a good credit score. It's best to have at least one credit card but the key is to use it moderately, said Colleen McCreary, consumer financial advocate at Credit Karma.

"You don't want to use more than 30% of the credit that's available to you, but you want to be using those cards even just a little bit to prove that you can be trusted," she said. When using your credit card, make sure to pay on time each month and try to use it only for purchases that you were already planning to make, and can afford. □

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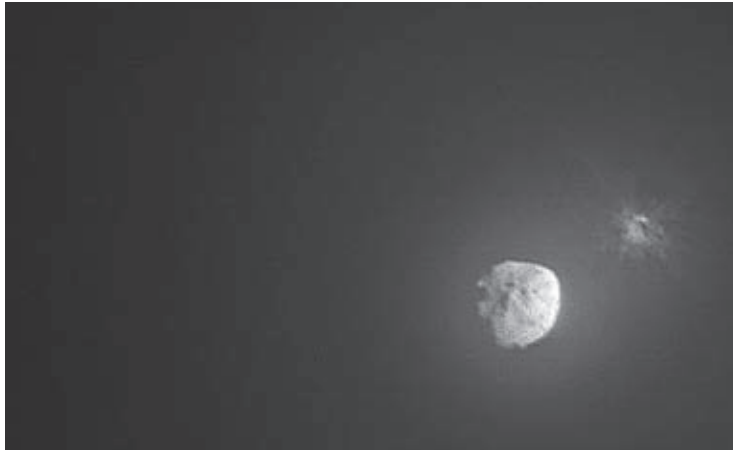
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In this image made available by NASA, debris ejects from the asteroid Dimorphos, right, a few minutes after the intentional collision of NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission on Sept. 26, 2022, captured by the nearby Italian Space Agency's LICIACube.

Associated Press

## Smashing success: NASA asteroid strike results in big nudge

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer  
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(AP) — A spacecraft that plowed into a small, harmless asteroid millions of miles away succeeded in shifting its orbit, NASA said Tuesday in announcing the results of its save-the-world test.

The space agency attempted the test two weeks ago to see if in the future a killer rock could be nudged out of Earth's way. "This mission shows that NASA is trying to be ready for whatever the universe throws at us," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said during a briefing at NASA headquarters in Washington.

The Dart spacecraft carved a crater into the asteroid Dimorphos on Sept. 26, hurling debris out into space and creating a cometlike trail of dust and rubble stretching several thousand miles (kilometers). It took days of telescope observations from Chile and South Africa to determine how much the impact altered the path of the 525-foot (160-meter) asteroid around its companion, a much bigger space rock.

Before the impact, the moonlet took 11 hours and 55 minutes to circle its parent asteroid. Scientists had hoped to shave off 10 min-

utes but Nelson said the impact shortened the asteroid's orbit by about 32 minutes.

The amount of debris apparently played a role in the outcome, scientists said. The impact may also have left Dimorphos wobbling a bit, said NASA program scientist Tom Statler. That may affect the orbit, but it will never go back to its original orbit, he noted. Neither asteroid posed a threat to Earth and still don't as they continue their journey around the sun. That's why scientists picked the pair for the world's first attempt to alter the position of a celestial body. □

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# 'Murder She Wrote' actress Angela Lansbury dies at 96

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Angela Lansbury, the big-eyed, scene-stealing British actress who kicked up her heels in the Broadway musicals "Mame" and "Gypsy" and solved endless murders as crime novelist Jessica Fletcher in the long-running TV series "Murder, She Wrote," has died. She was 96.

Lansbury died Tuesday at her home in Los Angeles, according to a statement from her three children. She died five days shy of her 97th birthday.

Lansbury won five Tony Awards for her Broadway performances and a lifetime achievement award. She earned Academy Award nominations as supporting actress for two of her first three films, "Gaslight" (1945) and "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1946), and was nominated again in 1962 for "The Manchurian Candidate" and her deadly portrayal of a Communist agent and the title character's mother.

Her mature demeanor prompted producers to cast her much older than her actual age. In 1948, when she was 23, her hair was streaked with gray so she could play a fortyish newspaper publisher with a yen for Spencer Tracy in "State of the Union."

Her stardom came in middle age when she became the hit of the New



Angela Lansbury attends a photocall during the PBS Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour on Jan. 16, 2018, in Pasadena, Calif. Lansbury turns 97 on Oct. 16.

Associated Press

York theater, winning Tony Awards for "Mame" (1966), "Dear World" (1969), "Gypsy" (1975) and "Sweeney Todd" (1979).

She was back on Broadway and got another Tony nomination in 2007 in Terrence McNally's "Deuce," playing a scrappy, brash former tennis star, reflecting with another ex-star as she watches a modern-day match from the stands. In 2009 she collected her fifth Tony, for best featured actress in a revival of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" and in 2015 won an Olivier Award in the role.

But Lansbury's widest fame began in 1984 when she launched "Murder, She

Wrote" on CBS. Based loosely on Agatha Christie's Miss Marple stories, the series centered on Jessica Fletcher, a middle-aged widow and former substitute school teacher living in the seaside village of Cabot Cove, Maine. She had achieved notice as a mystery novelist and amateur sleuth.

The actress found the first series season exhausting. "I was shocked when I learned that had to work 12-15 hours a day, relentlessly, day in, day out," she recalled. "I had to lay down the law at one point and say 'Look, I can't do these shows in seven days; it will have to be eight days.'"

CBS and the production company, Universal Studio, agreed, especially since "Murder, She Wrote" had become a Sunday night hit. Despite the long days — she left her home at Brentwood in West Los Angeles at 6 a.m. and returned after dark — and reams of dialogue to memorize, Lansbury maintained a steady pace. She was pleased that Jessica Fletcher served as an inspiration for older women.

"Women in motion pictures have always had a difficult time being role models for other women," she observed. "They've always been considered glamorous in their jobs."

In the series' first season, Jessica wore clothes that were almost frumpy. Then she acquired smartness, Lansbury reasoning that, as a successful woman, Jessica should dress the part.

"Murder, She Wrote" stayed high in the ratings through its 11th year. Then CBS, seeking a younger audience for Sunday night, shifted the series to a less favorable midweek slot. Lansbury protested vigorously to no avail. As expected, the ratings plummeted and the show was canceled. For consolation, CBS contracted for two-hour movies of "Murder, She Wrote" and other specials starring Lansbury.

"Murder, She Wrote" and other television work brought her 18 Emmy nominations but she never won one. She holds the record for the most Golden Globe nominations and wins for best actress in a television drama series and the most Emmy nominations for lead actress in a drama series. In a 2008 Associated Press interview, Lansbury said she still welcomed the right script but did not want to play "old, decrepit women," she said. "I want women my age to be represented the way they are, which is vital, productive members of society." "I'm astonished at the amount of stuff I managed to pack into the years that I have been in the business. And I'm still here!" □



Vice President Kamala Harris smiles as she speaks at the National Urban League Annual Conference, on July 22, 2022, in Washington.

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## Harris in late-night TV gig pushes voting, laments no emojis

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Kamala Harris used her first late-night network TV appearance since becoming vice president to reflect on how her life has changed since she got the job — including a shortage of emojis — and to talk up the need to vote in the mid-term elections.

Harris, appearing early Tuesday on NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers" in a taped appearance, pro-

moted Biden administration efforts to fight climate change, restore abortion rights and pardon people with federal convictions for marijuana possession as she urged people to "speak with your vote" in the mid-terms. "Nobody should have to go to jail for smoking weed, right?" she said, adding that governors and states should follow the president's lead in offering pardons for state convictions. Asked by Meyers

how life had changed for her since she became vice president, Harris referenced "high-class problems" like security restrictions that alter day-to-day dynamics. She said taking a walk with her husband, Doug Emhoff, is no longer a one-on-one affair and that family chats via group text are "no longer a thing."

As for her digital conversations, Harris said: "I have not received directly an emoji in a year and a half." □



# AP source: NFL to discuss roughing calls, no change imminent

By **ROB MAADDI**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

The NFL did not give officials a directive to emphasize roughing-the-passer penalties following Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa's concussion, but the topic will be discussed next week when NFL owners meet in New York, a person with direct knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the conversations are internal, said the league isn't planning to make any rule changes amid outrage over two disputed calls in Week 5. Roughing-the-passer penalties are down 45% from this point last year. Through Week 5 in 2021, 51 were called. Only 28 have been called this season, according to league stats.

The league's Competition Committee — comprised of six team owners/executives and four head coaches — makes most of the recommendations for rule changes. Teams can also propose rule changes to be voted on by owners, which require 24 votes to pass.

One idea, suggested by Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones on Monday night after he was flagged, might be to allow video review of roughing calls.



Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Derek Carr (4) is sacked by Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones, right, during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

That is unlikely, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

The league already went down that road, making pass interference reviewable for one season after an egregious missed foul late in the fourth quarter in the NFC championship in January 2019 cost the New Orleans Saints a trip to the Super Bowl.

The experiment failed miserably and the rule wasn't considered the next year. Protecting quarterbacks is a priority for owners, who pay big bucks for the faces

of their franchises. Twenty-five QBs are making at least \$25 million this season.

The questionable call against Jones — the second in two days — nearly cost Kansas City in its 30-29 comeback victory over the Las Vegas Raiders.

The Chiefs had just scored to trim their deficit to 17-7 when Jones stripped Raiders quarterback Derek Carr from behind just before halftime. The Pro Bowl defensive tackle landed on Carr while also coming up with the ball — replays showed it was clearly loose

and that Jones cleanly recovered — but referee Carl Cheffers threw a flag for roughing the passer.

"The quarterback is in the pocket and he's in a passing posture. He gets full protection of all the aspects of what we give the quarterback in a passing posture," Cheffers told a pool reporter after the game. "My ruling was the defender landed on him with full body weight. The quarterback is protected from being tackled with full body weight." On Sunday, Falcons defensive tackle Grady Jar-

rett was flagged by referee Jerome Boger for a seemingly harmless sack on Tom Brady. The penalty gave the Buccaneers a first down and allowed them to run out the clock on a 21-15 victory.

Boger made a similar critical call late in the fourth quarter of the Ravens-Bills game a week earlier on a play that many also thought didn't warrant a flag. Boger called another borderline roughing penalty in the Falcons-Buccaneers game when Vita Vea was pushed into Atlanta quarterback Marcus Mariota. Roughing the passer is the only rule where referees are instructed to err on the side of caution. □

The NFL rulebook notes: "When in doubt about a roughness call or potentially dangerous tactic against the quarterback, the referee should always call roughing the passer."

Jones, who has been flagged for roughing the passer nine times in his career, has a solution.

"We've got to be able to review it in the booth, you know what I mean?" Jones said. "I think that's the next step for the NFL as a whole. If we're going to call it a penalty at that high (of rate), then we've got to be able to review it and make sure, because sometimes looks can be deceiving." □

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## AP source: Raiders' Adams could be suspended for shove

By **JOSH DUBOW**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

Las Vegas Raiders receiver Davante Adams could be suspended or fined for shoving a photographer to the ground as he left the field following Monday night's loss at Kansas City. A person familiar with the process told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the league is reviewing Adams' actions following a 30-29 loss to the Chiefs, with possible punishment including a fine or suspension. The person spoke on condition of anonymity

because the league hadn't made the review public.

Detectives from the Kansas City Police Department's assault unit are investigating the incident and will work with prosecutors to determine whether charges are warranted, spokesman Sgt. Jake Becchina said Tuesday.

He did not provide a timetable, other than to say it could take more than a couple of days.

As Adams left the field, he pushed what appeared to be a member of a camera

crew to the ground as he headed into the Arrowhead Stadium tunnel to the locker room.

Becchina said the photographer went to the hospital for treatment for injuries that were not life-threatening. Adams apologized in his postgame comments to the media and later on Twitter.

"He jumped in front of me coming off the field. I kind of pushed him. He ended up on the ground," Adams said after the game. "I want to apologize to him for that. That was just frus-



Las Vegas Raiders wide receiver Davante Adams (17) scores past Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Jaylen Watson, left, and safety Bryan Cook (6) during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

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tration mixed with him really just running in front of me.

"I shouldn't have respond-

ed that way, but that's the way I responded. I want to apologize to him for that." □



# Castellanos' bat, glove help Phillies top Braves 7-6 in NLDS

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

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**ATLANTA (AP)** — Nick Castellanos had already carried quite a load with his bat.

When the Philadelphia Phillies needed his glove in the ninth inning, he didn't let them down.

Castellanos drove in three runs and made a potentially game-saving catch, lifting the Philadelphia Phillies over the reigning World Series champion Atlanta Braves 7-6 in the opener of their NL Division Series on Tuesday.

The Phillies have won three straight games to begin these playoffs, hardly looking like a team making its first postseason appearance since 2011. They followed up their wild-card sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with a victory over the team that finished 14 games ahead of them in the NL East.

It wasn't easy. Matt Olson hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Zach Eflin to bring the Braves within a run.

But Castellanos, capping off a brilliant all-around day, made a sliding catch in right field for the second out to help snuff out the comeback — a clutch play from a player frequently maligned for his defense.

"Do anything I could to not let it hit the ground," Castellanos said of his mindset. He sprawled out on the grass — arms raised above his head, the ball securely in his glove — before rolling over and flipping it back to the infield.

Castellanos appears to be finding his groove after missing most of September with an oblique injury.

"I hope that's the start of something, because he's been out for a long time," manager Rob Thomson said. "Maybe he's really getting his timing back now." Alec Bohm added two RBIs for the Phillies, who built a 7-1 lead by the top of the fifth and made it stand up against a Braves lineup that squandered numerous chances to get back in the game earlier.

Travis d'Arnaud homered and drove in the other



Philadelphia Phillies right fielder Nick Castellanos (8) scores against Atlanta Braves catcher Travis d'Arnaud (16) during the third inning in Game 1 of a National League Division Series baseball game, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, in Atlanta.

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three Atlanta runs, but the team that won 101 games during the regular season and edged the New York Mets in a thrilling NL East race suddenly finds itself in a best-of-five predicament. Game 2 is Wednesday afternoon in Atlanta before the series shifts to Philly.

Castellanos had a run-scoring single in the first — the Phillies jumping ahead 2-0 before many fans had settled in their seats for the lunchtime start — and added a two-run single in the fourth.

Castellanos came in hitting .148 (4 for 27) in seven postseason games. He had nearly as many hits in this one, going 3 for 5.

And that catch on William Contreras' opposite-field liner truly made it a day to remember.

"Baseball is really, really fun right now," Castellanos said.

Max Fried, whose last postseason start was a World Series-clinching victory over the Astros, failed to get through the fourth against the Phillies.

The Braves ace was roughed up for eight hits and six runs — two of them

unearned, but that was because of a throwing error by Fried.

The Phillies, on the other hand, have been playing like playoff-hardened veterans even though their 11-year postseason drought was the National League's longest.

They started the season dismally, which led to the firing of manager Joe Girardi in early June.

Thomson guided a remarkable turnaround as interim manager, the Phillies bouncing back to claim the NL's final wild card.

Thomson had the interim removed from his title on Monday, agreeing to a two-year deal to remain at the helm through 2024. The Phillies gave him quite a thank-you in his first game as plain ol' manager.

D'Arnaud led off the second with a homer deep into the left-field seats off Ranger Suárez to make it 2-1. But the 22-year-old left-hander was not flustered. Suárez went just 3 1/3 innings but made a couple of big pitches to keep the Braves down.

After walking two to load the bases in the first, Suarez

escaped on Contreras' inning-ending double play. Atlanta loaded the bases again in the third, but d'Arnaud struck out on a high fastball out of the zone. Suárez pumped his fist emphatically on the way to the dugout.

"We had him on the ropes," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said. "We just couldn't get a big hit."

The Braves put two more runners aboard in the fourth. This time, the threat ended with Dansby Swanson whiffing at a 3-2 pitch from Andrew Bellatti, who was credited with the win. Swanson slammed his helmet to the dirt in frustration — which was pretty much indicative of how this day went for the defending champs.

The Phillies knocked out Fried in the fourth, the left-hander leaving with runners at second and third. Jesse Chavez had a chance to escape the jam after he struck out Realmuto, but Castellanos came through with a two-out single to left that made it 6-1.

## FRIED FLOPS

This was quite a postseason comedown for Fried.

In Game 6 of last year's World Series, he pitched six scoreless innings in a 7-0 victory that clinched Atlanta's first title in 26 years.

Fried was stricken with a stomach bug in the final week of the regular season but insisted he was fully recovered.

"I'm not going to make any excuses," he said. "I took the ball today and put us in a big hole right off the bat."

## ROSTER MOVES

Phillies reliever David Robertson was left off the NLDS roster after injuring his right calf jumping to celebrate Bryce Harper's home run in the clinching wild-card victory at St. Louis.

Spencer Strider, the Braves' hard-throwing rookie, made the roster after he was sidelined since Sept. 18 with a sore left oblique. He was not available for Game 1, but could pitch later in the series.

## UP NEXT

RH Kyle Wright, who led the majors with 21 wins, faces a must-win situation when goes for the Braves in Game 2. He'll be opposed by Phillies RH Zack Wheeler (12-7, 2.87), who grew up in suburban Atlanta. □